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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE--FOLLOW-UP TO COMMITTEE'S
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WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND MISSION OF TWO SPECIFIC ITEMS
IT MAY BE INVOLVED IN AS PART OF FOLLOW-UP TO RECENT
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING.

A. FIRST CONCERNS RECOMMENDATION ON COASTAL MANAGEMENT
PRINCIPLES WHICH COMMITTEE APPROVED, SUBJECT TO DRAFTING
OF A COVERING NOTE FROM THE SECRETARIAT TO THE COUNCIL.
THIS NOTE WILL, INTER ALIA, STATE THE COMMITTEE'S INTEREST
IN KEEPING ITS OPTION OPEN TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS IN
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MEMBER COUNTRIES AT SOME LATER DATE. (THIS APPROACH

WAS AGREED WHEN THE U.S. OBTAINED COMMITTEE CONCURRENCE TO DROP FROM THE RECOMMENDATION ITSELF THE SPECIFIC --BUT PRACTICALLY NON-IMPLEMENTABLE--FOLLOW-UP REPORTING REQUIREMENT.) MISSION IS REQUESTED TO RELAY PROPOSED SECRETARIAT NOTE TO DEPARTMENT FOR CLEARANCE.

B. SECOND ISSUE RELATES TO RECOMMENDATION ON WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICIES, WHICH COMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO COUNCIL. THERE MAY OR MAY NOT BE A COVERING NOTE FROM THE SECRETARIAT, DEPENDING ON WHETHER THE RESERVATIONS BY AUSTRALIA, PORTUGAL, BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS (ALL CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF A DEFINITION OF "WASTE") ARE MAINTAINED OR REMOVED PRIOR TO TRANSMITTAL TO THE COUNCIL. IF THE RESERVATIONS ARE NOT RPT NOT REMOVED, THE MISSION IS REMINDED THAT THE U.S. DEL INSISTED--AND THE SECRETARIAT AGREED--THAT THERE BE A COVERING NOTE EXPLAINING TO THE COUNCIL WHAT THE ISSUE WAS (I.E., THE COMMON MARKET DEFINITION VERSUS THE DRAFT OECD DEFINITION) AND WHY THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES (INCLUDING, IN SUCH AN INSTANCE, THE U.S.) WERE MAKING RESERVATIONS. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO FOLLOW THIS ITEM TO BE SURE THAT, IF THE ORIGINAL FOUR RESERVATIONS ARE NOT CLEARED UP, AN APPROPRIATE EXPLANATORY NOTE ACTUALLY IS DRAFTED AND CLEARED BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS (INCLUDING THE USG). ROBINSON

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